

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Application for  
Designated Operator Change  
for the Year \_\_\_\_\_**

Department Use Only		
License Number	Card #	Card #
License Type	Payment Receipt	
Vessel Registration		
Total Fee: <b>\$22.00</b>		

Type of License
License Type

**\* The current fishery gear card must be returned with this application.**

Designated Vessel Information			
Vessel Name (Documented Vessels Only)	State or Document Number (Required for State Registered Vessels)	Hull Identification Number	10 Inch Number

**Note: Alternate operators must have an alternate operator license before being designated on fishery gear card.**

License Owner(s) ID#		
Last Name	First Name	Initial
Permanent Street Address		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Permanent Phone Number (       )		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been a resident of Washington for the previous 90 days and am not licensed as a resident in any other state. <input type="checkbox"/> I am not a resident of Washington State. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of a recognized treaty indian tribe _____. I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. Providing false information may invalidate this license.		
(Signature of Owner)		(Date)
Signed at (Place) _____		

Primary Operator ID#					
Last Name	First Name		Initial		
Birthdate (M/D/Y)	Sex	Hair	Eyes	Weight	Height
* Alternate Operator(s) *					
Last Name	First Name	Initial	Birthdate (M/D/Y)		
			Operator ID#		
Last Name	First Name	Initial	Birthdate (M/D/Y)		
			Operator ID#		

**Make fees payable to State Treasurer  
License will expire December 31st of Issuance Year**

**Mail Applications Directly to:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
License Division  
600 Capitol Way N  
Olympia WA 98501-1091

Office Location:  
1111 Washington St. S.E. Olympia WA  
Phone Number: (360) 902-2464 \*TDD (360) 902-2207  
Fax (360) 902-2945

**This is a public document. Please be advised that the information submitted may be shared with other government agencies.**

\* Persons being designated as alternate operator must possess a current year alternate operator license. If the person designated has not applied for the current year alternate operator, an application for such a license must accompany this fishery gear license application.

### **Notification Clause**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife receives federal financial assistance through the federal aid in fish and wildlife restoration acts. Any person who believes they have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age or handicapping condition in a program, activity, or facility operated by the department, should write to: USFWS, Department of Interior, 18th & C Streets NW, Washington DC 20241. The complaint must include your name, address, phone number, date of incident, and reason you believe you have been discriminated against.

## **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**OFFICE LOCATION**  
1111 Washington St. SE  
Olympia, WA  
(360) 902-2464

**COUNTER HOURS**  
Monday-Friday  
(excluding legal holidays)  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**MAILING ADDRESS**  
600 Capital Way N.  
Olympia, WA 98501-1091  
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### **\*\*\*NEW PHONE NUMBERS\*\*\***

We are changing our contact numbers, please use the new phone and fax numbers listed above when contacting our office.

### **LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Application for commercial fishery/specialized licenses must be completed in full including the type of license being applied for. Signatures of license owners are required. Incomplete applications will not be processed until all license criteria/qualifications are met. Applications submitted in the name of a corporation must provide a copy of those portions of the corporation papers that show the state seal, the corporation name, and a list of the current corporate officers. Only those individuals listed as corporate officers will have authority to sign for license renewals.

### **REGULATIONS AND SEASONS**

It is your responsibility as a member of the fishing/wildlife industry to know what regulations are applicable to that segment of the industry in which you are engaged. For information on regulations or seasons contact the Enforcement Division at (360) 902-2936.

### **SPECIALIZED LICENSE CARDS**

Specialized license cards must be in your possession while engaging in the activity for which the license is issued.

### **FISHERY LICENSE CARDS**

Fishery license cards must be carried on the designated vessel while fishing. All commercial/charter fishing vessels must have a designated operator present. A license for an alternate operator may be obtained upon receipt of application and fee. Only those operators designated on the commercial fishery license card may sell catch to a licensed wholesale dealer. Commercial fishery license cards must be presented to the wholesale dealer or fish buyer when you sell your product. All operators, including the primary operator, are required to possess an operator license. Alternate operators must complete an alternate operator application and return it along with the appropriate fee to the Department for processing. Primary operators will be issued a complimentary operator license when the fishery license is issued. Only the license owner may be designated as the primary operator. A primary operator card does not allow that person to be designated as an alternate operator on a license which they do not own, that person is required to purchase an alternate operator license.

### **Vessel Designation Decals**

If a vessel is designated on more than one fishery license, only one set of designated decals will be issued the vessel. Decals should be mounted on a CLEAN surface directly on each forward side of the vessel.

### **Sale of Product**

In order to sell your catch to any person other than a licensed wholesale dealer/fisher buyer, you must be licensed as a wholesale dealer yourself and complete the proper fish receiving ticket before offering your catch for sale.

### **Requirement of 10 Inch Numbers**

According to Washington Administrative Code 220-20-051, every vessel designated to participate in a commercial fishery or to deliver food fish and shellfish must have the official Coast Guard documentation number or complete state registration number permanently displayed in ten inch (10") tall numbers, or letters and numbers, of proportionate width, clearly visible from each side of the vessel. It is unlawful to participate in a commercial fishery or deliver food fish or shellfish without having such numbers displayed.

Examples: Coast Guard Document Number 123 321  
State Registration Numbers WN 000 XX

NOTE: This requirement does not apply to salmon guides, salmon charter, fishing guide (game fish), or non-transferable emergency salmon delivery licenses.

### **Evidence of Vessel Ownership**

Each commercially licensed fishing vessel must have a copy of its state vessel registration or Coast Guard documentation papers showing that the vessel is used for commercial fishing on file with this office. No initial license issuance or vessel designation change will be processed without current documentation. Please check the expiration date on the papers of the vessel designated on the license. The state registration or Coast Guard documentation papers' expiration date must be beyond the date you are applying for the change.

### **License Ownership Transfers**

Commercial fishing licenses are non-transferrable unless specified by Washington Law. Moratorium licenses vary in transfer rights. Call the License Division at (360) 902-2464 for assistance and transfer application.

### **Limited Entry Fishery Licenses**

The following licenses have qualifying criteria in accordance with moratoria legislation: salmon fishery, salmon charter, sea urchin dive, sea cucumber dive, Dungeness Crab - Puget Sound, Puget Sound whiting, herring, ocean pink shrimp, and Dungeness Crab - Coastal. Contact our license specialists for further information.